



Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 1731

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

TSUMURA *ET AL.*

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MANUFACTURING GLASS BASE MATERIAL

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated December 2, 2002, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.